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Applicant(s): STAHL et al.

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Title: **CATALYTIC TRANSAMIDATION AND AMIDE METATHESIS UNDER MODERATE CONDITIONS**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT IN RCE APPLICATION

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To the Commissioner:

In response to the Final Office Action dated January 4, 2006, and the Request for Continued Examination filed herewith, Applicants request favorable reconsideration in view of the following amendment and accompanying remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Applicants' Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.

A Request for Continued Examination is filed herewith.

A Petition for Three-Month Extension of Time is filed herewith.

A PTO Form 2038, in the amount of \$905 (\$510 for the three-month extension fee + \$395 for the RCE filing fee) is submitted herewith.